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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
5 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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7 SANTORO HILL,

Case No. 2:18-cv-01328-JCM-PAL

8 Plaintiff,

ORDER

9 v.

(Mot WD Atty – ECF No. 7)

10 GEICO CASUALTY INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

11 Defendant.

12 This matter is before the court on Kajioka & Associates Motion to Withdraw as Counsel  
13 of Record for plaintiff (ECF No. 7). The motion represents that the firm “and Mr. Hill had  
14 previously agreed that it would be in the best interests of Mr. Hill’s case” if the firm withdrew  
15 once litigation commenced so that Mr. Hill could retain other legal counsel. However, since then,  
16 there has been a complete loss of communication with plaintiff, and it would create an undue  
17 financial burden upon Mr. Kajioka to continue to represent Mr. Hill when there is no contact. The  
18 motion is not the result of and differences between the firm and Mr. Hill, but is filed because of  
19 the loss of communication, as well as to allow him to move forward with new counsel. The firm  
20 therefore seeks leave to withdraw as counsel of record.

21 Having reviewed and considered the matter, and for good cause shown,

22 **IT IS ORDERED:**


- 23 1. Kajioka & Associates Motion to Withdraw (ECF No. 7) is **GRANTED**.  
24 2. The plaintiff shall have until **September 21, 2018** in which to retain substitute  
25 counsel who shall make an appearance in accordance with the requirements of the  
26 Local Rules of Practice, or to file a notice with the court that he will be appearing  
27 in this matter *pro se*, that is, representing himself.  
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3. Plaintiff's failure to timely comply with this order by either obtaining substitute counsel, or filing a notice that he will be appearing in this matter *pro se* may result in the imposition of sanctions, which may include a recommendation to the District Judge that plaintiff's complaint be dismissed for failure to comply with this order and failure to prosecute. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

4. The Clerk of the Court shall serve the plaintiff with a copy of this order at his last known address:

Santoro Hill  
76 Stock Option #2  
Henderson, NV 89074

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2018.

  
PEGGY A. ZEE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE